

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-19, and 22-29 are now pending.

The Examiner indicated that claims 6-12, 19 and 20 have been withdrawn from consideration. It is noted, however, that claims 20-21 were included in the originally presented claims and were withdrawn. However, claims 20 and 21 have been canceled above to advance prosecution. The cancellation of claims 20 and 21 hereinabove is without prejudice to the filing of further continuation or divisional applications. Withdrawn claims 6-12 and 19 remain pending. Rejoinder of these claims upon allowance of a generic or sub-generic claim is solicited.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 2, 4, and 13-16 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended above to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 2 and claim 2 has been cancelled. New claims 22-26 have been added which respectively correspond to original claims 4, 13, 14, 15, and 16 presented in independent form. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3-19 and 22-26 should all now be allowed.

New claims 27-29 have been added above. New claim 27 is similar to original claim 1 but is limited to an ignition coil device wherein the coil insulating resin material has a base material which is different from a base material of the connector insulating resin material.

Original claim 3 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 3 has been reviewed and revised above to obviate the grounds for this rejection.

Original claims 1, 3, 5 and 17-18 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Maekawa et al. As noted above, this rejection has been mooted with respect to claims 1, 3, 5 and 17-18. This rejection is respectfully traversed to the extent it might be considered to apply to newly presented claims 27-29. In this regard, while Maekawa discloses a coil insulating material and a connector insulating material, Maekawa discloses that the coil insulating material and the connector insulating material are the same.

Anticipation under Section 102 of the Patent Act requires that a prior art reference disclose every claim element of the claimed invention. See, e.g., Orthokinetics, Inc. v. Safety Travel Chairs, Inc., 806 F.2d 1565, 1574 (Fed. Cir. 1986). While other references may be used to interpret an allegedly anticipating reference, anticipation must be found in a single reference. See, e.g., Studiengesellschaft Kohle, G.m.b.H. v. Dart Indus., Inc., 726 F.2d 724, 726-27 (Fed. Cir. 1984). The absence of any element of the claim from the cited reference negates anticipation. See, e.g., Structural Rubber Prods. Co. v. Park Rubber Co., 749 F.2d 707, 715 (Fed. Cir. 1984). Anticipation is not shown even if the differences between the claims and the prior art reference are insubstantial and the missing elements could be supplied by the knowledge of one skilled in the art. See, e.g., Structural Rubber Prods., 749 F.2d at 716-17.

Because Maekawa discloses that the coil insulating resin material and the connector insulating resin material are the same, claim 27 is not anticipated nor obvious. It is further respectfully noted that Maekawa discloses that the connector insulating material is not filled in a space between a center core and a secondary spool as noted on page 4 of the Examiner's Official Action, but claim 29 presented hereinabove provides that the connector insulating resin material is filled in a space between the central core and either the secondary spool or the primary spool. Therefore, claim 29 is also different from and not anticipated by Maekawa.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 27-29 are not anticipated by nor obvious from Maekawa.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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